

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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NHS Grampian Walk-in Centre Opening Hours

We would be grateful if patients, and colleagues signposting them to the GP Walk-in service, could check the NHS Grampian website for the latest opening hours before attending: [GP Walk-In Centres](#).

Please note opening hours may vary depending on staffing availability.

Shortage: Hyoscine Butylbromide 20mg/1ml Solution for Injection Ampoules

Prescribers and pharmacy teams in primary care settings are able to access and order Grindeks stock of Hyoscine butylbromide 20mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules from the following wholesalers referencing/using the following PIP codes:

- Alliance: 8125478
- Phoenix: 6783013

Prescribers and pharmacy teams in secondary care can continue to Grindeks stock of Hyoscine butylbromide 20mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules order from Mawdsleys referencing/using the following PIP code: 365437.

Amended PGD for the Supply and/or Administration of Levonorgestrel (LNG-EC) 1500micrograms Tablet(s) for Emergency Contraception, V3.2

Please find attached the recently updated NoS PGD; this supersedes all previous versions. The amendment details are as follows:

Version	Date of change	Summary of Changes	Section heading
3.2	July 2026	Updated flow chart and assessment form in relation to breast feeding information and UPA-EC as per CoSRH information.	Appendix 3 & Appendix 4

Pharmacy Care Record (PCR) Access

To be able to deliver a number of both core and national contractual services it is essential to have a personal user ID and password to allow access and utilise the PCR. To request a user name and password, complete a [PCR Registration Form](#), hosted on Microsoft Forms. This request should be undertaken prior to working as a locum pharmacist within NHS Grampian.

Please ensure all locum pharmacists are familiar with the NHS Grampian Locum Pack: [NHS Grampian Locum Pack 2026-27 – NHS Grampian](#).

Pharmacy contractors must ensure that a staff member is available to log into PCR **during all opening hours- especially evenings and weekends**.

Enforcement Notice in Weight Management Prescription Medicine Advertisements

The GPhC, the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) issued an updated joint Enforcement Notice in September 2025, and this was sent to pharmacy owners and Superintendent Pharmacists. Please ensure you read this notice, which makes clear that adverts for named prescription-only (POMs) for weight-management are prohibited.

The notice is attached to this email and can be found here: [Enforcement-Notice-prescription-only-medicines-used-for-weight-management-September-2025.pdf](#)

A reminder to all, included in this guidance from the GPhC is the following:

Do not promote a POM by using descriptors or descriptions that are likely to be understood by consumers as referring to a POM

In the context of an ad for weight-loss products and services, the following is a non-exhaustive list of language that is likely to be seen as referring to POMs:

- “Weight Loss Injection”
- “Weight Loss Pen”
- “Obesity Treatment Jab”
- “GLP-1”

Abbreviated words that refer to POMs, such as “SemaPen”

Descriptions that identify the product in question

Do not use imagery in ads that is likely to be understood by consumers as denoting a POM

- Injection pens that feature a POM name will almost certainly be seen as promoting a POM. In the context of an ad for a weight-loss product or service, imagery that is likely to be understood by consumers as depicting an injection pen is also likely to be seen as promoting a POM.

Do not direct consumers from an ad seemingly for non-POM products or services directly to another ad promoting a POM

- Ads that refer to general weight-loss products or services should not direct consumers to other ads promoting POMs. For example, paid-for ads on social media or sponsored searches should not contain links to a landing page that promotes a named POM.

Promote the consultation, not the POM

- Ensure that ads for weight loss treatment only promote the consultation, or a medicine that can lawfully be advertised to the public, rather than a POM.

Smoking Cessation Update

Smoking Cessation Data for Jan-March 2026

The most recent data shows a decrease in quit dates set, a high number of missed 4-week submissions, and an increase in successful 12-week quit outcomes.

To help improve submission rates, all pharmacies will receive a weekly reminder email highlighting any outstanding 4-week submissions that need to be entered into the PCR system. We hope this will reduce the number of missed submissions currently being observed across some Grampian pharmacies.

	JAN-MARCH 2025	APRIL-JUNE 2025	JULY-SEPT 2025	OCT-DEC 2025	JAN-MARCH 2026
TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGN UPS	1009	835	822	905	859
MISSED SUBMISSIONS AT 4 WEEKS AND FINANCIAL LOSS	215 (21.3%) £3225	210 (25%) £3150	226 (27%) £3390	248 (27.4%) £3720	229 (26.6%) £3435
TOTAL NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL QUILTS	220 (22% of all sign ups)	182 (21.7%)	161 (19.5%)	199 (22%)	216 (25%)

Feedback Form for STAFF Experiencing Smoking Cessation Service Issues

Do you have concerns, issues or suggestions around the current National Smoking Cessation Service?

This feedback form is to gather information from **pharmacy staff** in order to feedback to Community Pharmacy Scotland: [Feedback Form for Pharmacies Experiencing Issues Around Smoking Cessation Services – Fill in form.](#)

Area Pharmaceutical Committee (APC) Membership Opportunity: September 2026 – July 2029

Please be reminded that applications are open until **noon on Friday 14th August 2026** for membership of the Area Pharmaceutical Committee (APC) for the period September 2026 to July 2029, with the first meeting scheduled for **Tuesday 1st September 2026**.

The APC provides professional and clinical advice to NHS Grampian and the Grampian Integration Joint Boards on matters relating to pharmaceutical care, patient care, service development, workforce planning, and healthcare improvement.

We are particularly keen to hear from Contractors and Contractor Employees, who are currently underrepresented on the committee. This is an excellent opportunity to influence the future direction of pharmacy services across Grampian and ensure the views of community pharmacy are represented.

Further information can be found in the attached membership documentation.

Non-Medical Prescribing Conference – September 2026

Please find the attached programme for the upcoming Non-Medical Prescribing Conference, taking place on 22nd and 23rd September via MS Teams. Please also [take a look](#) as there are a wide variety of topics on offer. Sessions are pick and mix, meaning you can book to attend the sessions you are most interested in or those that are most relevant to your area of practise. If you experience issues booking via TURAS, please contact gram.acateam@nhs.scot for assistance.

Booking closes at **noon on Thursday 17th September 2026**. MS Teams joining links for each individual session will be emailed to those who are booked on approximately 24 hours prior to the session, so please keep an eye on your emails!

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



23/07/2026 • Community Pharmacy Scotland

Updates for all Community Pharmacy Independent Prescribers (CPIP) and Trainees

Latest update for Community Pharmacy Independent Prescribers and trainees, including training pathways, next steps and upcoming support.



23/07/2026 • Community Pharmacy Scotland

NHS Pharmacy First (Scotland) Service - Supporting Information

Find patient information resources, Approved List and guidance for the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service.



22/07/2026 • Scottish Government

PCA(P)(2026)11 - Ramipril SSP Extended Until October 2026

The Serious Shortage Protocol for ramipril 1.25mg capsules has been extended until 30th October 2026. Read the latest guidance for pharmacies.



21/07/2026 • Robbie Collins

Medicines Care and Review (MCR) Ready Reckoner

This week's MCR Ready Reckoner has been updated and is now available to download or you can view it via the App.

The Happy Place 😊

We wish to congratulate all Foundation Trainee Pharmacists who have successfully passed their registration assessment. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of all the hard work, commitment and dedication you've shown throughout your training. Well done! 🍌

We would like to continue this section as an opportunity for reward, recognition and good news stories of the teams who read this! Please submit any items for inclusion to gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot.

If you would like to nominate a colleague for a **Pharmaceutical Care Services Staff Recognition and Thanks (STAR) Award** please see our Microsoft Form submission form here: [Star Award Nominations for Community Pharmacy Staff – Fill in form](#)

All weekly updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#).

Remember to like our Facebook page for regular updates: [Community Pharmacy Grampian – NHSG](#)